Representation of Muslims in Para-Military

1843. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the representation of Muslims in the para-military forces is negligible;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) To improve representation of Muslims in Central Para-Military Forces, special efforts are made to ensure that eligible candidates from minority communities are made aware of the employment opportunities in these Forces.

Pending Cases of appointment on Compassionate Ground in SSB

1844. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases of appointment on compassionate grounds pending in SSB in the last three years;

(b) whether Government will consider their cases on priority basis; and

(c) if so, by when these cases are to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Details of compassionate appointment cases pending in SSB are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Appointment on compassionate grounds depends on the availability of vacancies under the compassionate appointment quota, in the post applied for and the suitability of the applicants to hold the post. It is, therefore, difficult to give a definite time frame to settle such cases of compassionate appointment.